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## Public Affairs/Emergency Prep Meeting to Discuss Cooperation

Public Affairs professionals, Emergency Managers and other interested federal employees, please mark your calendars and plan to attend an important upcoming event. The Oregon Federal Executive Board's Public Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committees will come together **Friday, August 15th** from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. for a unique joint meeting. The featured topic will be: **"How can federal agencies better cooperate with each other, and other public organizations, in a local emergency?"**

Les Miller, Emergency Manager of the Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District and Beth Anne Steele, Public Affairs Specialist with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, will host, accompanied by representatives from city, state and county emergency management groups. Each representative will present the status of emergency preparedness in their sector, followed by a group discussion on:

- how the various sectors currently cooperate and what improvements can be made,
- how the federal government will continue operations in case of an emergency, and
- how Public Affairs specialists and Emergency Managers can aid each other in the process.

It promises to be a valuable exchange. If you would like to attend, please contact Jeff Sargent at 503-326-3030 or [jsargent@pcez.com](mailto:jsargent@pcez.com). Feel free to invite other Public Affairs or Emergency specialists that you know or with whom you work.

## Meeting on E-Gov & Competitive Sourcing Touches Key Issues

At the June 11th Oregon FEB Administrative Services Committee meeting two outstanding panels of local experts discussed the challenges and successes of implementing the President's Management Agenda (PMA) E-Government and



Brian Furumasu, BPA, Peggy Ballman, Corps of Engineers, Ann Scholl, BPA and Chris North, BLM, listen to a question from the audience at the June 11th OFEB meeting.

competitive sourcing initiatives. Brian Furumasu, Chief Information Officer (CIO) at Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), and Marsha Scutvick, CIO at the Forest Service Regional Office, led discussions with an audience of over 60 federal employees on:

**E-Gov:** status of implementation at panelists' agencies, resource and deadline challenges, efficiency & cost improvements, and success stories such as reverse auctions at BPA.

**Competitive Sourcing:** status of implementation at panelists' agencies, resources required to conduct A-76 studies, addressing staff morale and worries.

The panel presentations are available for downloading on our web site at the Administrative Services or Archives pages, at [www.oregon.feb.gov](http://www.oregon.feb.gov).

The meeting generated strong interest to continue delving into these topics. In a follow-up with some E-Gov panelists, a key concern was how to get to "yellow" on the PMA scorecard in the most efficient manner possible. In addition, the revised circular A-76, released in May of this year, has now made its way through federal agencies and has generated new anxiety with regard to its implementation.

Given these developments, the Oregon FEB's next **General Membership Meeting**, to be held **October 22nd**, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. at the Mark O. Hatfield Courthouse Jury Room in downtown Portland, will take the next step by exploring: 1) the details and implications of the revised A-76; and 2) how agencies

can get to “yellow” on the PMA scorecards with regard to E-Gov.

Why is this important? Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Clay Johnson, explained at the Federal Executive Board National Conference in July that the President’s Management Council has set new (and more achievable) goals for achievement by July 1, 2004. These are intended to help more agencies get to “yellow” and on to “green.” For E-Gov one target is that 80% of the 24 E-Gov projects should be up and running by that date, and for competitive sourcing that agencies’ should compete 15% of their commercial jobs. Additional goals are found in the revised A-76 circular.

The OFEB has invited Mr. Johnson to our next General Membership Meeting, and is awaiting a response. Watch this newsletter and the OFEB web site for further announcements.

## Patriot Day Ceremony Will Help Kick Off CFC

Did you know that September 11th is now known as “Patriot Day”? The Oregon FEB will honor Patriot Day this year with a brief ceremony at 9:30 a.m. in the Edith Green-Wendell Wyatt Building in downtown Portland, room 272. All federal employees are invited to attend. The ceremony will connect the way citizens give to our country either through public service or through giving to our communities with our time, talents or resources. The Combined Federal Campaign will be highlighted as an excellent way to connect with our communities.

Featured guests will include Cathy Callahan, Chair of the Oregon FEB, Gerard Lorang, new Director of the Veterans Affairs Regional Office, and Randy Crockett, 2003 Columbia River/Willamette Valley CFC Chair.

Following the ceremony, a charity fair will be held in the Green-Wyatt Federal Building lobby from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., where federal employees can learn more about participating charities in this year’s CFC. Additional kickoff events are being planned for Salem on Sept. 10th and Vancouver on Sept. 12th, and will be announced shortly.

In other CFC news, orientation for participating charities is being held this month, on Aug. 5th in Portland and the 12th in Salem, while federal Campaign Coordinator Training will be held Aug. 19th in Portland and Aug. 26th in Salem. See pgs. 3 & 4 of this newsletter or [www.oregon.feb.gov/cfc.htm](http://www.oregon.feb.gov/cfc.htm) for details.



Jeff Sargent, OFEB, addresses the audience of over 50 charity representatives at the first CFC Charity Orientation session, held Aug. 5th at Portland Cable Access (PCA). The event was videotaped and will air on PCA throughout the campaign.

## Shared Neutrals Mediators Get Fall Training to Sharpen Skills

Shared Neutrals is excited to announce its First Annual Fall Mediator's Training Program, scheduled for September 16th and 17th, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Water Resources Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way in Vancouver, WA.

Stewart Levine, author of “Getting to Resolution - Turning Conflict into Collaboration” and “The Book of Agreement,” will be the session’s trainer. He will provide two days of skill building practicum for mediators that are sure to be packed full.

Over the last 35 years, Stewart has resolved thousands of conflicts and impacted the lives of many more people through his books and speaking. He has worked with individuals, couples, families, small business, partners, teams, organizations, government agencies, and joint ventures. As a lawyer, mediator, facilitator, trainer and speaker he has saved people millions. That’s how he got the nickname “The Revolutionary”. Mediators, don’t miss this quality training opportunity! There is no charge.

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# COMMITTEE CORNERS

## Policy Committee



All Policy Committee members are encouraged to attend the Patriot Day ceremony on Sept. 11th at Green-Wyatt; we will meet afterward. The Policy Committee is also planning the next General Membership Meeting for Oct. 22nd. We are aiming for a special guest to discuss the President's Management Agenda.

**NEXT MTG:** 9/11, 10 – 11:30 am, Green-Wyatt, #272

## Administrative Services



Follow-up to our last great discussion on E-Government and competitive sourcing, looking at conclusions from that event and the practical side of implementing these initiatives. The need for career transition services and the formation of an OFEB technology committee will also be further explored.

**NEXT MTG:** 9/10, 8:30 - 10:00 am, Duncan Plaza

## Combined Federal Campaign



The Leadership Team has approved the campaign theme of "Connect with Your Community," and orientation for charities has begun. Training for federal campaign coordinators will be held Aug. 19th in Portland and Aug. 26th in Salem, from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Contact Nancie Pruitt at [nancie\\_pruitt@pcez.com](mailto:nancie_pruitt@pcez.com) or 503-226-9384 to register. If your agency has not chosen a campaign coordinator yet, please do so soon!

**NEXT MTG:** Campaign Coord. Training, 9/19, 9:00 - 11:30 am, USPS Glenn Widing Bldg., Portland

## Shared Neutrals/ADR



At our next monthly committee meeting on Sept. 3rd we will put the finishing touches on our first annual Fall Mediators Training. It will be held Sept. 16-17 at the Water Resources Education Center in Vancouver, WA. This will be a great opportunity for mediators to sharpen your skills as special guest Stewart Levine leads the sessions.

Contact Karin Waller at [ofeb@pcez.com](mailto:ofeb@pcez.com) for more information or to reserve a place.

**NEXT MTG:** 9/3, 2 - 4 pm, Duncan Plaza, 10th fl.

## Emergency Preparedness



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**NEXT MTG:** 8/15, 9:30 - 11:30 am, Green-Wyatt, #322

## Retention & Development



The next retirement benefits and estate planning seminar will be a CSRS session on Sept 18th-19th. Contact Mary Ceciliani at [mcecilia@pcez.com](mailto:mcecilia@pcez.com) or 503-326-3010 to register.

Discussions are also in process to potentially conduct career transition seminars, to better prepare federal employees for competitive sourcing initiative implementation. Stay tuned to the FEB News and Events and our web site at [www.oregon.feb.gov](http://www.oregon.feb.gov) for more information.

## Public Affairs



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## Minority Business Opportunity



We continue planning the Minority Enterprise Development Week Training and Luncheon, to be held October 15th at the Jantzen Beach Doubletree Inn in Portland. Providence Health System has signed on as the Host Sponsor, and many other organizations have committed to support the event. We also seek nominations for small business persons to be recognized for their achievements. To learn more, go to the MBOC web site at [www.oregon.feb.gov/mboc](http://www.oregon.feb.gov/mboc).

**NEXT MTG:** 8/14, 10 am - 12 pm, Port. Dev. Comm.



# OFEB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## AUGUST '03

### Minority Business Opp. Committee

Aug. 14th 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Monthly meeting to discuss ways to enhance hiring of minority small businesses for federal and other public sector contracts.

Location: Portland Development Commission  
1900 SW Fourth Ave., 7th Floor, Portland

### Public Affairs/Emergency Prep Meeting

Aug. 15th 9:30 – 11:30 am

A unique joint meeting with two OFEB committees. The featured topic will be: How can federal agencies better cooperate with each other, and other public organizations, in a local emergency? Public Affairs professionals, Emergency Managers and other interested federal employees are invited to attend this important event.

Location: Edith Green-Wendell Wyatt Bldg.  
1220 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Room 322, Portland

### CFC Campaign Coordinator Training

Aug. 19th, 26th 9:00 - 11:30 am

A review of the tools needed run a successful campaign, including: campaign materials introduction, awareness-building events, pledge collection, and sharing best practices between coordinators.

Aug. 19th: U.S. Postal Service, Glenn Widing Facility  
11855 NE Glenn Widing Drive, Portland

Aug. 26th: Chemawa Indian Health Service  
3750 Chemawa Rd NE, Salem

Please contact Nancie Pruitt at 503-226-9384 or [nancie\\_pruitt@pcez.com](mailto:nancie_pruitt@pcez.com) to register.

## SEPTEMBER '03

### Shared Neutrals Committee Meeting

Sept. 3rd 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Monthly meeting to discuss, analyze and enhance mediation services; includes training and marketing sub-committee reports.

Location: Robert Duncan Plaza  
333 SW 1st Ave., 10th floor, Portland

## SEPTEMBER '03

### Minority Business Opp. Committee

Sept. 4th 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Monthly meeting to discuss ways to enhance hiring of minority small businesses for federal and other public sector contracts.

Location: Doubletree Inn, Jantzen Beach  
909 N Hayden Island Drive, Portland

### Administrative Services Committee

Sept. 10th 8:30 - 10:00 am

Looking at the practical side of implementing the E-Gov and competitive sourcing initiatives, the need for career transition services and the formation of an OFEB technology committee.

Location: Robert Duncan Plaza, 3rd Floor  
333 SW 1st Ave., 3rd floor, Portland

### Patriot Day Ceremony & CFC Kickoff

Sept. 11th 9:30 am, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Brief ceremony followed by CFC Charity Fair. All federal employees are invited to attend.

Location: Edith Green-Wendell Wyatt Bldg.  
1220 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Room 272, Portland

### Shared Neutrals Mediators Training

Sept. 16th - 17th 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

A great opportunity for mediators to sharpen skills with special guest instructor Stewart Levine.

Location: Water Resources Education Center,  
4600 SE Columbia Way in Vancouver, WA

Contact Karin Waller at [ofeb@pcez.com](mailto:ofeb@pcez.com) for more information or to reserve a place.

### CSRS Retirement Planning Seminar

Sept. 18th - 19th 8:30 am

Location: Edith Green-Wendell Wyatt Bldg.  
1220 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Room G70A, Portland

Day 1: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm (register @ 8:00 am)

Day 2: 8:30 am – 12:00 noon

Cost: \$100 for federal employees, \$40 for spouses.  
To register, please contact Mary Ceciliani at 503-326-3010 or [mcecilia@pcez.com](mailto:mcecilia@pcez.com).

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## OFEB Policy Committee Officers

**Cathy Callahan:** OFEB Chair, National Labor Relations Board  
**Lynda Stelzer:** Administrative Services Committee Co-Chair, Bonneville Power Administration  
**Kathy Eaton:** Administrative Services Committee Co-Chair, Bureau of Land Management  
**Randy Crockett:** Combined Federal Campaign Chair, Social Security Administration  
**Les Miller:** Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
**Beth Anne Steele:** Public Affairs Committee Chair, Federal Bureau of Investigation



### *At Large Members:*

**Lucy Devenney**, Willamette National Cemetery; **Phil Gentry**, Small Business Administration; **Janice Goodwin**, National Agricultural Statistics Service; **Bob Graham**, Natural Resources Conservation Service; **Harry T. Hall**, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; **Captain Paul Jewell**, U.S. Coast Guard; **Lt. Col. Charles Markham**, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; **Roy Roosevelt**, U.S. Forest Service.

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## Sub Committees/Chairs

The first three sub-committees below are part of the OFEB Administrative Services Committee. Community service (represented by the Combined Federal Campaign), Emergency Preparedness and Public Affairs are stand-alone committees.

*Alternative Dispute Resolution /Shared Neutrals (mediated employee disputes):*

**Chair: Fran Petersen**, Bonneville Power Admin., (503) 230-5860

*Collaborative Retention/Employee Development:*

**Chair:** Staffed by Ron Johnson and Jeff Sargent

*Minority Business Opportunity Committee:*

**Chair: Tyrone Henry**, Portland Development Commission, (503) 823-3315

*Combined Federal Campaign*

**Chair: Randy Crockett**, Social Security Administration, (503) 326-6309

*Emergency Preparedness:*

**Chair: Les Miller**, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (503) 808-4400

*Public Affairs:*

**Chair: Beth Ann Steele**, Federal Bureau of Investigation (503) 552-5238

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